MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

November 8, 2005

On October 18, 2005, the Board approved a motion to instruct Public Health to work in collaboration with the County's Office of Emergency Management, the Emergency Medical Services Agency, County Hospital and Clinic Operations, and other related bodies to report back in 30 days with an assessment of the County's anti-pandemic flu prevention and preparedness programs with steps recommended to strengthen the plan.

This week, the President proposed a national effort to develop a vaccine for the avian flu should it mutate to become easily transmissible person to person. The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health will be involved in the development of this vaccine.

Once an appropriate vaccination to the avian flu is developed, the County should consider how to administer the vaccinations locally and determine priorities in how it will be administered in conjunction with federal funding and support.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Health Services to include in their pandemic flu plan, an assessment of how to administer, coordinate and determine priorities regarding avian flu vaccination, once available.

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